

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLES DEVON GARRETT,

Petitioner,

v.

SHAWN MOORE,

Respondent.

1:22-cv-00899-JLT-HBK (HC)

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

(Doc. No. 19)

Before the court is Petitioner's motion to appoint counsel. (Doc. No. 19). Petitioner, a state prisoner, has pending a pro se amended petition for writ of habeas corpus filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. (Doc. No. 3). Petitioner requests the court to appoint counsel to represent him because he does not have frequent access to the law library, which "is hindering him from effectively litigating his case." (Doc. No. 19).

There is no automatic, constitutional right to counsel in federal habeas proceedings. *See Coleman v. Thompson*, 501 U.S. 722, 752 (1991); *Anderson v. Heinze*, 258 F.2d 479, 481 (9th Cir. 1958). The Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, however, authorizes this court to appoint counsel for a financially eligible person who seeks relief under § 2241 when the "court determines that the interests of justice so require." *Id.* at § 3006A(a)(2)(B); *see also Chaney v. Lewis*, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9th Cir. 1986). Moreover, the *Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases*

1 *in the United States District Courts* require the court to appoint counsel: (1) when the court has
2 authorized discovery upon a showing of good cause and appointment of counsel is necessary for
3 effective discovery; or (2) when the court has determined that an evidentiary hearing is warranted.
4 *Id.* at Rs. 6(a) and 8(c).

5 Based upon the record, the Court finds Petitioner has not demonstrated that appointment
6 of counsel is necessary at this stage of the proceedings. Petitioner was able to file his habeas
7 petition without the aid of counsel. Further, the Court finds the circumstances of this case at this
8 time do not indicate that appointed counsel is necessary to prevent due process violations.

9 Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

10 Petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel (Doc. No. 19) is **denied without**
11 **prejudice.**

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14 Dated: October 18, 2022


HELENA M. BARCH-KUCHTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE